

## REMARKS

Applicant is EXTREMELY appreciative of the significant effort which Applicant believes the Examiner put forth in obtaining a Restarting of the time period in which Applicant could timely respond. While Applicant maintains that such a Restarting was the just action to be taken, Applicant is aware that life is not always just and fair, and accordingly, the substantial efforts and reasonable and prompt actions taken by the Examiner to ensure a fair process are considered by Applicant to be "remarkable" in every sense of the word.

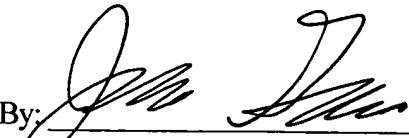
Newly presented "Claims" herein recite features contained within the Specification and/or Drawings of the original patent application and, therefore, do not present any new matter.

Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments contained herein, and contends that this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. An early and favorable action is hereby requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant would be advantageous towards the disposition of this case in a manner favorable to Applicant, the Examiner is requested contact Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

As December 16, 2006 falls on a Saturday, Applicant contends that this response, mailed on Monday, December 18, 2006, has been timely filed. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be required for the filing of this response. However, if an additional fee is required or otherwise necessary to cover any deficiency in fees paid, authorization is hereby given to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 50-3511.

Respectfully submitted,

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